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OUTLINES.

The Ameer of Afghanistan avows his readiness to fight for Great Britain. —— President Kruger appealed to Lord Salisbury for cessation of hostilities; it is regarded in London as a ruse to gain time. —— Teddy McGovern won the fight with Gardner in the third round. —— British forces are steadily advancing towards Bloemfontein, practically unopposed; the Boers are said to be badly disorganized. —— The Filipino insurgents are again active and the red cross, symbolic of resistance, is again appearing among the natives; towns of Albay and Legaspi are surrounded by 1,200 well armed insurgents, —— B. R. Carroll was shot and killed by D. P. Johnson at Blackville, S. C. —— S. P. Shotter & Co, Savannah, Ga., pleaded guilty to violating the inter-State commerce law and were fined $1,000. —— New York markets: Money on call easier; actual transactions were at 3@4 per cent, last loan at 3; cotton quiet; middling uplands 9 9-16c; flour held higher for spring and winter straights, with a fair demand for the former; wheat—spot firmer. No. 2 red 76½c.; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 43¾c.; rosin quiet; strained common to good $1.70 1.72½; spirits turpentine quiet at 55@ 55½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 9.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 45 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 48 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .43 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—For North Carolina: Fair Saturday and Sunday; diminishing northerly winds on the coast.

Port Almanac—March 10.

Sun Rises	6 18 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.03 P. M.
Day's Length	11 h. 45 M.
High Water at Southport	2.30 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	6.62 A. M.

In a money point of view marriage was not a failure with Senator Wolcott's wife. She pulled $7,500 a year alimony out of him.

Gen. Cronje expresses much gratification by the courtesies shown him by the British. They are going to top off the courtesies by sending him to St. Helena, where he will have a nice, quiet time.

Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, has one distinction that none of his brother Senators can claim. He has to pay his wife who has just obtained a divorce from him for desertion, $7,500 a year alimony.

A British soldier in South Africa who was shot in the head and had part of his brain removed to extract the bullet, is getting along just as well as he did before. But there are lots of people who get along without any brains at all.

Forest fires have been playing havoc with the forests in the State of Washington. It is estimated that the land burned over would have yielded 40,000,000,000 feet of lumber, enough to keep all the saw-mills in the country running for two years.

Immense quantities of dogwood are shipped from the South to the North to make bobbins and spools for the cotton factories. Why hasn't it occurred to some one with some money to do that work down here and ship the bobbins and spools instead of the wood?

In his speech in New York before the Ohio society, Mr. McKinley said that national sentiment and conscience were never higher than now. This is shown by the widespread condemnation of that Porto Rico bill and the uncompromising opposition to his expansion policy.

Wm. E. Curtis, Rep., a Washington correspondent says that to President McKinley belongs any credit that may come from the Porto Rico bill, and all the responsibility, for if it hadn't been for his intervention the bill would have been defeated by a majority twice as large as it received.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

One story frame dwelling house on vacant lot on north side of Market next west of Thirteenth street, for Mr. J. D. Steljes.

Two story, metal roof, frame dwelling on Fourth next lot to southwest corner of Brunswick and Fourth streets, for Mr. George T. Bland. Thad F. Tyler, contractor.

For construction of Luxfer Prism canopies to four or five second story windows on the north side of the Masonic Temple, which will extend about thirty inches from the building over the alley. The Fore & Foster Company, contractors.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Democratic Primaries for New Hanover county, Thursday, March 22nd.

— The revenue cutter *Algonquin* will probably leave to-day for a cruise along the coast.

— There is a new candidate this morning—Mr. W. M. Cumming for Real Estate Agent.

— Mr. Paul M. Taylor will speak at the Y. M. C. A., at the men's meeting Sunday afternoon.

— Mr. James K. Collier is acting as manager of the Opera House in the absence of Mr. S. A. Schloss.

— To-morrow (Sunday) will be observed as Orphans' Day by the Methodist churches of this city.

— The local cotton market was quoted yesterday on a basis of only 9¼ cents for middling. Receipts were 537 bales.

— The STAR acknowledges with thanks a pretty calendar from the Home Brewing Company, advertising their famous Bock beer.

— At the regular meeting last night of Eyota Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, sixteen pale faces were adopted into the order

— The schooners *J. Manchester Haynes* and *Geo. W. Whitford* passed out at Southport at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the former for Charleston and the latter for New York.

— News was received in the city yesterday of the death of Mrs. W. A. Strauss, at her home near Warsaw Thursday. She was about thirty years of age and was a daughter of Mr. Thos. H. Watson, formerly superintendent of the County Home.

— Rev. Charles T. Russell, President of the Allegheny Bible and Tract Society and editor of *Zion's Watch Tower*, a religious journal, is advertised for two lectures at the Opera House, to morrow at 3 and 7:30 P. M. Mr. Russell is author of the "Millenial Dawn," a book which has had a large sale in this section of the State.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

S H. MacRae—Bankrupt notice.
D. L. Gore Co.—Spring seed oats.
G. R French & Sons—Surprising.
W. M. Cumming—Real estate agent.
W. M. Cumming—Lot-buyers' Ass'n.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Agents.
Charles T. Russell—Lecture.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. T. J. Armstrong, of Rocky Point here yesterday.

— Mr. Graham Bell, of Currie, N. C., is in the city this week.

— Rev. E. J. Edwards, of Southport, was in the city yesterday.

— Bruce Williams, Esq., of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday.

— Miss Mary Marshall, of Berta, N. C., is in the city visiting relatives.

— Mr. F. M. Moore, of Phœnix, was making business calls here yesterday.

— Sheriff F. W. Hargett, of Onslow, was among yesterday's visitors to the city.

— Mr. J. S. N. Kinsey, of Jacksonville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Miss Minnie Perdew returned yesterday morning from a very pleasant visit to friends at Magnolia.

— Mr. J. Walter Williamson returned yesterday morning from Greensboro, where he went to attend the Holt Settle marriage this week.

— Fayettville *Observer*, 8th: Yesterday afternoon Miss Liza Williams charmingly entertained a few friends in honor of Miss Anit DeRosset, of Wilmington.

— Miss Minnie Shaw, of Fayetteville, arrived on the steamer *Hurt* yesterday and will visit in the city for several days, the guest of her uncle Mr. W. H. Shaw.

—Miss Alma Brown, head-milliner of Mr. George O. Gaylord's Big Front street Racket Store, left yesterday morning for Northern cities to study the latest fads in new spring millinery and to make purchase of a stock for the store.

— Mrs. Ed. Wilson Manning returned yesterday morning from an extended visit to relatives at Portsmouth, Va. She was accompanied upon her return by Miss Alice Brooks, her sister, who will remain some time in the city as Mrs. Manning's guest.

— Miss Ethel Herring, one of the teachers in the county public school system, came up to the city yesterday afternoon and is the guest of Capt. E. W. Manning until this morning, when she will leave for her home in Pender county to spend Sunday at home.

Paper Mill for Wilmington.

The New York *Paper Trade Journal* reproduces from the STAR that part of the communication of Maj. Thos. H. McKoy advocating the building of a paper mill at Wilmington. Maj McKoy insists, that with the unsurpassed facilities offered here, a paper mill, properly equipped and managed, would pay much larger profits than cotton mills. Let our Chamber of Commerce look into this matter.

A Card.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of State Senator from the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick; subject to the will of the Democratic Primaries.

Respectfully,
† tf GEO. L. MORTON.

THE STREET PAVING.

Work Will Probably Be Begun Early on Princess Street Improvement.

SUPREME COURT DECISION.

Upon Act of Legislature Giving Aldermen Power to Appoint Assessors for Appraising Increased Valuation of Property for Paving.

In view of the fact that there is now every indication that the work of paving Princess street with vitrified brick will be begun at a very early date upon the plan originally outlined, whereby owners of property along this thoroughfare will contribute a portion of the cost of such improvement, and where this is not voluntarily offered procedure is to be made under provisions of the old legislative act recently published in the STAR. The decision by the Supreme Court (LXXI North Carolina Reports) upon the act in question will prove interesting reading matter.

The case cited is that of the City of Wilmington versus Samuel L. Yopp and was carried up by the defendant in January, 1874, upon the rendering of a decision in the lower court for the plaintiff, which decision wes affirmed by the higher court, as will appear from the following:

The act of 1854 55, empowering the Commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town and for other purposes, confers upon the present Commissioners of that place full authority to assess the benefit to be derived to the owners of property from the construction of pavements in front of their houses. Civil action, brought in a Justice's Court to recover a certain assessment levied on defendant, and carried before his Honor, Judge Russell, by appeal, and determined by him at Chambers in the County of New Hanover, January 13th, 1874.

The city of Wilmington, the plaintiff, under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to empower the Commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes," ratified 16th of January 1855, appointed a committee, after due notice to the defendant, to assess the benefit he, the defendant, had derived from the construction of a pavement in front of a certain house and lot on Seventh street, in said city, belonging to him. The committee made an assessment to the amount of $11.84, which the defendant admitted to be reasonable, but refuses to pay the same, contending that he is not liable to any such assessment by the plaintiff.

The Justice gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff, from which the defendant appealed to his Honor, the Judge of the 4th District, at Chambers, upon the question of law. His Honor affirmed the Justice's judgment, and the defendant appealed to this court.

SETTLE, J.—The Act of 1854-'55, chap. 248, entitled "An act to empower the Commissioners of the town of Wilmington to establish streets in said town, and for other purposes," confers upon the city of Wilmington, (the city having succeeded to all the rights of the town), full authority to do all that it is now objected to by the defendant, and we are aware of nothing in the Constitution which forbids such legislation.

Statutes authorizing municipal corporations to grade and improve streets, and to assess the expense among the owners and occupants of lands benefitted by the improvement in proportion to the amount of such benefit, have been held to be constitutional and valid in many of the States, having constitutions similar to our own, and these decisions have been quoted with commendation by such eminent authors as Cooley and Dillon. "A property tax for the general purposes of government, either of the State at large or of a county, city, or other district, is regarded as a just and equitable tax. The reason is obvious. It apportions the burden according to the benefit more nearly than any other inflexible rule of general taxation. A rich man derives more benefit from taxation, in the protection and improvement of his property, than a poor man, and ought therefore pay more. But the amount of each man's benefit in general taxation cannot be ascertained and estimated with any degree of certainty, and for that reason a property tax is adopted instead of an estimate of benefits. In local taxation, however, for special purposes, the local benefits may in many cases be seen, traced and estimated to a reasonable certainty.

At least this has been supposed and assumed to be true by the Legislature whose duty it is to prescribe the rules on which taxation is to be apportioned, and when the determination of this matter being within the scope of its lawful power is conclusive."

Following this decision, which has never been reversed or amended, are extracts from a treatise on Constitutional Limitations by Judge Cooley, and from a work on Municipal Corporations by Judge Dillon, supporting the same.

In the matter of the paving contemplated, Mr. Hugh MacRae, chairman of the Streets and Wharves Committee of the Board of Aldermen, has been for the past few days very untiring and unselfish in his efforts for an early beginning on the improvement and it is confidently expected that within the next few days definite announcement can be made as to when the work will be commenced. Mr. MacRae is thoroughly conversant with all details of the work and it is certain that when it is begun, a rapid completion may be expected.

— The STAR regrets to learn that Mr. J. D. Edwards, the popular A. C. L. city ticket agent, is confined to his room by sickness. Mr. W. R. Taylor is serving in his stead.

For the Legislature.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject however to the action of the Democratic Primaries. If elected I shall direct my energies to the passage of such laws as will be for the best interests of the people of New Hanover county.

tf E. H. FREEMAN.

PRIMARY POINTERS.

Information in Regard to the Democratic Primary Election to Be Held in New Hanover County March 22d.

Every white Democrat who will have been a resident of the State twelve months and of the county of New Hanover ninety days, and who will be 21 years old by August 2nd (the day fixed for the State election), can vote in the Primary elections to be held Thursday, March 22nd. Every white man having the qualifications named, whether heretofore a Democrat or not, can likewise vote, provided he "honestly intends to support the nominees" of the Primaries. It will be seen, therefore, that it is not necessary to be twenty-one years old, or to have been in the State twelve months and in the county ninety days at the date of the Primaries, March 22nd, provided the person offering to vote will have all these qualifications on the 2nd day of August.

Every voter must be a *bona fide* resident of the Ward or Township in which he offers to vote.

While there has been no geographical division of Harnett Township, there will be two polling places (one at the Township House and one at Delgado Mills) and a voter from any part of the Township may vote at either of the polling places named as may be most convenient to him.

Although there will be two polling places in Harnett Township, there will be but five committeemen and four delegates elected for the whole Township.

It will require a majority of the whole vote cast in the county to nominate. For example: Suppose James Jones, John Brown and Jeremiah Thompson are candidates for Coroner, and the aggregate vote cast for that office is 1800. Then, one of the candidates must receive 901 votes in order to be the nominee in the Primary of March 22nd. But suppose the 1800 votes should be divided as follows: Jones, 800; Brown, 600; Thompson, 400. In that case there would be no nomination, and a second Primary would be held March 27th. But in this second Primary Thompson would be dropped and only Jones and Brown could be voted for, thus making a nomination certain unless there were a tie. The same rules apply to all the county offices and to the Legislative tickets.

The hours for voting in the city are from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m and in the county from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

At the close of the election the pollholders shall immediately count the votes and make returns in duplicate to the County Executive Committee at the Court House. The ballot boxes and ballots must be returned at the same time. Compensation for pollholders will be $3.00 each, which will be paid by the County Committee.

Candidates for County offices must be voted for on one ballot, members of Legislature on one ballot, and delegates to the county convention and precinct committeemen on one ballot.

Should a second Primary be necessary for any of the offices, it will be held March 27th, at the same places, during the same hours, and by the same poll holders as for the Primary of March 22nd.

No regular registration is required, the poll-holders simply making a record of the name of each voter on the day the Primary is held.

RIVER SHIPPING NOTES.

All the River Steamboats Here Yesterday. Capt. Frank Creel Sick.

Yesterday was another day on which all the river steamboats were in port, the *Hurt*, *Hawes*, and *A. J. Johnson* having arrived in the morning from their respective runs. The *Driver* came in from Fayetteville on the afternoon previous and cleared at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the return. The *A. J. Johnson* cleared about the same hour for Clear Run as did also the *Hawes*, which goes this run for a trip up Northeast river to Hallsville, a freshet in this river giving a sufficient depth for navigation. Capt. Frank Creel, who came down on the *Hawes*, was too unwell to return with the boat and was sent in a carriage to the City Hospital for treatment. He has fever. Capt. Herbert Ward went as master of the steamer in his stead.

The *Hurt*, which cleared last evening for Fayetteville, had among a large quantity of freight from the Clyde steamer, 288 crates of empty whiskey flasks for the Cumberland County Dispensary. She brought down for shipment by the Clyde line 98 bales of cotton goods from the Holt Morgan Mills, of Fayetteville, consigned to parties in Philadelphia, Boston, New York, and other points north.

The steamer *Seabright* will clear at 6 o'clock this morning for Little River, S. C.

Funeral of Jno. H. Smith.

In the presence of a number of his friends and relatives, the funeral services over the remains of the late Jno. H. Smith were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, from St. Paul's Episcopal church, by Rev. Milton A. Barber, the pastor. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery, the pall-bearers being Messrs. John J. Fowler, Walter G. MacRae, R. H. Pickett, Lynn Burnett, E. W. Toomer and R. C. Cantwell.

For Real Estate Agent,

W. M. CUMMING.

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AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD.

Postponed Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting Last Night—Bills for Current Expenses Approved.

Beyond the auditing of bills for current expenses and the consideration of several minor matters of no very general interest, no business of importance was transacted at the postponed regular semi monthly meeting of the City Board of Audit and Finance, which was held last night, the members in attendance being Mr. H. C. McQueen (chairman), Mr. C. W. Yates, Mr. Jesse Wilder, Mr. S. P. McNair and Mr. W. H. Northrop, Jr., the clerk.

Bill for police officers' stripes and chevrons, in favor of Mr. I. H. Weil, which was previously disapproved, was reconsidered and allowed.

The resolution of thanks to Mr. James Walker for his magnanimous proposition to donate to the city a modernly equipped hospital, which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen at its last meeting, was also adopted by the Board of Audit and Finance.

The contract between the city and Mr. W. A. Wright for the operation of the rock quarries in East Wilmington was taken up and discussed, but action upon the same was postponed.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay for the rock crusher recently purchased and also to pay one-third cash on the road roller, and balance in one and two years at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

Adjournment was taken subject to call of the chairman.

SCHOOL EXERCISES YESTERDAY.

Regular Weekly Meetings of Utopian and Theta Delta Literary Societies.

The Utopian Literary Society met yesterday at the usual hour in its hall at the Tileston High School. After a brief business discussion, Miss Daisy B. Waitt, by special request, entertained the society by reading a selection from "Marsa Chan," by Thomas Nelson Page.

The Theta Delta Literary Society held a very instructive debate in the assembly hall of Tileston yesterday afternoon. The question was: "Resolved, that Napoleon was a rascal." The following were the speakers:

Affirmative—Lewis Cole, Lewis Moore and Walter McIntire. Negative—Seigfried Goodman, E. T. Hancock and Gilbert Foard.

Judges—Superintendent J. J. Blair, Mr. J. H. Chadbourn, Sr., and Mr. Jas. F. Post.

The decision was rendered in favor of the negative.

A piano solo by Miss Irene Peterson and graphophone selections by Miss Sallie Forshee added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Senior Class, by invitation, was the guest of the society and did not hold its regular meeting, as usual.

DEMOCRAT REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

Mr. T. A. Brown, U. S. Gauger, Succeeded by Capt. John Fitzgerald, Rep.

From thoroughly reliable sources it was learned yesterday that Mr. Thos. A. Brown, United States gauger stationed here with offices in the post-office building, had been removed and Capt. John Fitzgerald, republican, placed in his stead. The emoluments of the office are said to be, not over $400 per year. Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has filled the office with thorough satisfaction to all parties concerned for quite a number of years.

Capt. Fitzgerald received his commission from Collector E. C. Duncan on Thursday last and will assume immediate control of the affairs of the office.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The following comparative statement of the weekly and part crop year receipts of cotton and naval stores was posted yesterday at the Produce Exchange,

Week ending March 9th, 1900—Cotton, 3 847 bales; spirits, 169 casks; rosin, 2 155 barrels: tar, 3,123 barrels; crude, 93 barrels

Week ending March 9th, 1899—Cotton, 1,513 bales; spirits, 153 casks; rosin, 1,449 barrels; tar, 1,966 barrels; crude, 147 barrels.

Crop year to March 9th, 1900.—Cotton, 259,537 bales; spirits, 29,364 casks; rosin, 160,775 barrels; tar, 74,261 barrels; crude, 11,835 barrels,

Crop year to March 9th, 1899.—Cotton, 286,822 bales; spirits, 27,490 casks; rosin, 153,757 barrels; tar, 67,961 barrels; crude, 10,933 barrels.

The Cotton Market.

Mr. D. L. Gore, president of the D. L. Gore Company, takes the STAR to task for quoting cotton on the local market Wednesday, March 7th at 9¼ cents for middling and 9¾ cents for good middling and says in a card dated March 8th, that he is satisfied that neither of these grades sold this high. "Nine and one half for lots through," Mr. Gore says, "is the best I have heard of, and had it been all good middling I don't think it would have brought more. With the leading futures off at least 50 points in the last two to three days, 9 cents would be all middling would bring this afternoon." The quotations printed in the STAR are corrected daily in the afternoons from the official records at the Produce Exchange. If these be incorrect, the fault lies not in this office.

FOR SHERIFF,

OWEN FENNELL

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IMPORTANT MEETING.

Inter-Denominational Sunday School Conference at the Y. M. C. A. Last Night.

ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE.

Number of Topics Discussed by Able Speakers—Splendid Musical Programme — Organization Will Be Made Permanent.

Probably the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of Sunday school workers of the several Wilmington churches ever assembled in the city, was that last night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, the occasion being the Inter-denominational Sunday School Conference, preparations for which have been on foot for several weeks.

Fully two hundred persons interested were present at the meeting, which was presided over with ability by Dr. W. C. Galloway, who in opening made a brief allusion to the object for which it was called. This was followed by a song, "Stand Up For Jesus," which with the other musical selections of the evening, was led by the Grace M. E. Church choir, after which Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, made further explanatory remarks and expressed gratification at the large attendance upon the inauguration of the commendable movement. Mr. W. L. Latta, president of the Y. M. C. A., was introduced and also made a very substantial talk as to the need of such an organization as was being formed.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange next led in a very fervent prayer, and the "Ideal Sunday School Teacher; or what is the Best Test of a Sunday School Teacher's Fitness for the Work," was discussed very ably by Dr. W. C. Galloway and Mr. J. C. Stevenson.

After the discussion of each topic, Dr. Galloway, the chairman, asked for voluntary remarks upon the questions at point.

Miss Annie Slagle, by request, was present and rendered with very much effect the vocal solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," which was well received.

The next topic for discussion was "The Best Means of Drawing Children Into the Sunday School," by Prof. Washington Catlett, who was unable to attend but who sent a well prepared paper on the subject, which was read to the conference by Dr. Galloway.

"The Relation of the Parent to the Sabbath School," was interestingly discussed by Mr. W. M. Cumming, after which voluntary remarks were made by Mr. B. G. Worth, who felicitated the denominations upon coming together for work in a common cause, and by Mr. R M. Wescott, who spoke gratifyingly of the movement set on foot by the Y. M. C. A. and Sunday schools.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, made a few happy remarks at the conclusion of the programme, in which he favored a perpetuation of the conference, touching upon its capabilities for great good in the community. Acting upon Dr. Blackwell's timely suggestion, a call was made for the election of officers, but for several reasons the matter was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

The discussions upon the various topics were liberally interspersed with songs from Gospel Hymns Nos. 1 to 6 and upon the whole this was one of the most pleasing features of the programme.

Mr. Campbell Here.

Mr. George Campbell, who for the past two seasons has so successfully managed the Seashore Hotel at Wrightsville Beach, arrived in the city yesterday morning to make preparations for the opening of this popular holstery next Summer. The building was very little damaged by the November storm last year, but nevertheless, Mr. Campbell will make a number of improvements prior to opening and will have this season an entirely new corps of managers. Mr. Campbell arrived in the city from York, Pa., where he is also manager of the Colonial Hotel, one of the finest in the country.

Negro and a Turkey.

Wm. Griffin, a colored porter at the store of Mr. F. G. Punke, corner Second and Market streets, was arrested yesterday morning by Policeman Woebse on a charge of the larceny of a dressed turkey from in front of the store of Mr. W. D. Sumlin on Campbell between Third and Fourth streets. When Mr. Punke discovered that the negro in his employ was a thief, he began an investigation about his own place and found that the negro had "lifted" a gold ring and several other articles from his room up stairs over the store. The case of the negro will be investigated to-day.

IREDELL MEARES FOR STATE SENATOR

The friends of Mr. Iredell Meares present his name to the Democratic primary for the nomination for State Senator from this district. Mr. Meares has been true to his party, true to his community, and in public and private life, has given freely of his time and talents to advance the best interests of this community.

He has been an active party worker for years, and worked untiringly in the last campaign, serving the party and the cause of New Hanover by day and by night, and merits the compliment of a handsome majority at the hands of the people.

He is eminently fitted to represent this district, and would in the Senate reflect credit upon this city, county and State.

† tf DEMOCRATS.

THE VANCE MONUMENT.

It Will Be Ready for Unveiling in May. The Model Ready for Inspection March 15th.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 9.—The Vance monument, to be erected here in Capitol Square, will be ready for unveiling in May. The model is being made by Henry J. Ellicott, sculptor, at Washington, and a letter from him to-day informs the committee having the matter in charge that the model will be ready for inspection next Thursday, March 15th. He adds there has been some apparent delay on his part in getting the model ready, but that this has been due to the fact that he was forming it with the very greatest care, hoping to make it one of the finest pieces of statuary in the South. The committee to make examination consists of R. H. Battle, Joseph G. Brown and J. D. Boushall, of Raleigh, and R. H. Speight, of Edgecombe. This committee will inspect the model and suggest any alterations in it. When it is finally approved a plaster cast will be made. This cast will then be sent to the bronze foundry of the Gorham Manufacturing Company, New York.

ENTERTAINED M. G. B. CLUB.

Members Spent Pleasant Evening at the Home of Miss Isabel Struthers.

Miss Isabel Struthers delightfully entertained the M. G. B. Club at her home on Market street last evening. Delicious refreshments were served in course of the entertainment and the guests enjoyed a number of popular games in the parlor after the repast.

Those in attendance were Mr. F. H Bagg with Miss Lucy McEachern; Mr S. C. Morton with Miss Daisy McEachern; Mr. N. S. McLaurin with Miss Louise Van Lear; Mr. W. R. Dozier with Miss Maude Bulluck; Mr. D. Archie Bulluck with Miss Fannie Allen, of Fayetteville; Mr. J. Holmes Davis with Miss Rena Mills; Mr. J. B. Hill with Miss Ethel Fitts; Mr. Arthur Schulken with Miss Sybil Hancock, Mr. Norcum Sweeney with Miss Lillie McLaurin, and Mr. J. W. Westbrook with Miss Sudie Mills.

Church Notices.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Foster will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Rev. T. W. Curtis will fill his regular Sunday appointments at Greenville Sound at 11 A. M., East Wilmington at 3 00 P. M and Delgado Mill at 7 30 P. M.

Immanuel Church: Services at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. by Rev. Edward E. Lane. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M.

The Seamen's Bethel: Regular religious services will be held to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All welcome.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor; 11 A. M., "Strength from Struggle." at 7.30 P. M., "When We Dead Awake Will There Be a Second Chance?"

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. H. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Second Advent Baptist Church, between Castle and Church streets. Preaching by the pastor, Eld-r E. Fisher, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Sunday School at 4 P. M. Prayer meetings Tuesday and Friday nights at 8. Strangers and visitors cordially invited. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Sabbath school at 3.45 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School, J. H. Davis, supt., 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

DIED.

STRAUSS—At her home near Warsaw, N. C., Thursday evening last, MRS. JULIA C., wife of Mr. William A. Strauss; age 30 years.

Funeral this (Saturday) morning at 9.30 o'clock from residence of Mr. J. H. Strauss, No 709 North Fourth street. Interment at Oakdale Friends and acquaintances invited.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Lot Buyers' Association.

For Plot and Terms see

W. M. CUMMING.

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IT IS A MISTAKE

As stated in yesterday's "Messenger," that there are no Business Houses For RENT One of the most desirable stores in the city now occupied by Fishblate Clothing Company

will be vacant from Oct. 1st.

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SPRING SEED OATS.

300 bus. White Seed Oats.
250 " Black " "
500 " R. P. " "
1000 " Feed — "

ABOUT

Thirty of forty bbls. and bags Seed Potatoes left.
Also, several tons Dirty Salt.

D. L. GORE CO.,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
mar 10 tf Wilmington, N. C.

MY! MY! MY!

What was it my wife told me to order from

"The Unlucky Corner?"
Oh Yes, I Remember.

ONE can of those delicious Jellied Hocks.
ONE pound of Jumbo Prunes.
ONE Springfield Ham.
ONE can Mountain Rose Pears.
ONE pound extra thin Chipped Beef.
"Tell Dan to chip it."
ONE pound Grenoble Walnuts.

Exchange call

S. W. SANDERS,
feb 20 tf No. 109—quick.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CROCKERY,
GLASSWARE,
House Furnishing Goods.....

Our Motto,
No Fancy Prices.

WE ARE ON THE JOBBERS' LIST AND WILL SELL YOU GOODS RIGHT.

Country Merchants would do well to get our prices before placing orders.

O. P. CAZAUX & CO.

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Is It Satisfactory?

That's the question that goes with every purchase here. If it's not satisfactory, bring it back today—to-morrow—next week—and get your money. It is this absolute assurance of fair dealing that retains our trade. Our customers know that "money back" is not a cry set up to deceive the unwary into buying, followed by all sorts of undue excuses and quibblings to avoid returning money on displeasing purchases. One of our maxims reads: "For you to remain dissatisfied is to make us more dissatisfied." It isn't a to-day's trade we're depending on—it's to-morrow's—next week's—next month's—next year's! We want you to be so well pleased with your treatment here and with what you buy here, that you'll come again and again. And we will remark right now that our efforts to please have been so uniformly successful that calls for "money back" are rarely made. But it's true the same, for any and all demands that may be made for purchases returned as undesirable.

J. W. MURCHISON & CO.,
HARDWARE, &c.,
mar 9 tf WILMINGTON, N. C.

X X X Elgin Butter.

We have a few tubs of nice Elgin Butter for our customers at a low price this week. Don't forget the place where your Bargains come from.

Groceries
of all kinds
at Bottom Prices.

Uncle Isom Tobacco has come in. Also, have a few Dixie Plows for sale.

We can handle some nice Sweet Potatoes and Poultry to advantage now. Prompt sale for all Naval Stores and Produce.

T. D. LOVE.

Steamer for Fayetteville Mondays and Thursdays. Passengers, freight and towage. For rates apply to T. D. LOVE, mar 9 tf General Agent.

Vollers & Hashagen,

WE ARE THE PEOPLE.

We have unsurpassed facilities for handling business at lowest prices. We offer on spot 800 Bags Prime Mixed Corn. 1,000 Bales No 1 Timothy Hay. Prices are right and we solicit orders.

We are the agents here for

"J. P. Squires'" Choice Bellies,

Which have no equal on any market. We have sold these goods many years, and notwithstanding statements to the contrary, you can always find them in our stock.

VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
ma 4 tf PROVISIONERS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. In the matter of Graham M Kinnon, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. To the Honorable Thomas S. Purnell, Judge of the District Courts of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Graham McKinnon, of Howland, in the County of Robeson and State of North Carolina in said district respectfully represents that on the 7th day of February last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 8th day of March, A. D. 1900.
GRAHAM McKINNON, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of North Carolina, ss.: On this 10th day of March, A. D. 1900 on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 22nd day of March, A. D. 1900, before the said Court at Fayetteville, in the said district, at one o'clock in the afternoon at the office of the undersigned referee; and that notice thereof be published in THE MORNING STAR, a new-paper printed in said district; and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place, and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

Fayetteville, N. C., March, 10 A. D. 1900.
S. H. MACRAE,
ma 10 1t Referee in Bankruptcy.

FOR RENT.

The Two Desirable Stores
Formerly occupied by
Mr. VanLaer,
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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1	6:25 a. m.	Full Moon	16	3:13 a. m.
First Quarter	8	0:34 a. m.	Third Quarter	24	0:36 a. m.
New Moon	30	3:30 p. m.			

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 10.

FIGURES THAT TELL A STORY.

The Philadelphia *Times* calls the attention of our statesmen and others interested to the backwardness of our trade with the Central and South American countries in contrast with the progress we have made in extending our trade into other countries. It presents the following figures showing how instead of growing as it should this trade has declined within the past three y ears:

"Imports from South America—1897, $103.442.125; 1898, $88,075,415; 1899, $91.728,862.

"Exports to South America—1897, $33.506.140; 1898, $35,102,408; 1899, $37.421,700.

'Excess of imports over exports—1897, $69,935.985; 1898, $47,973,007; 1899, $54.307,162."

The *Times* very appropriately suggests that these are figures which our Senators and Representatives should post conspicuously in some place where they could see them every day and every hour, and that they should think on them every day and every hour. While our trade with other countries puts a large balance in our favor it is just the reverse when we come to these neighboring countries, where the balance against us in the past three years aggregate $172,216,154, when it should, to say the least of it, have been the other way. We sell them about one third the amount we buy from them, pay for these two thirds in cash and then they with this cash buy from our European competitors the things they could and would buy from us if the conditions were favorable and they could buy from us to the same advantage they can from the traders on the other side of the Atlantic. This is not because there is a lack of American enterprise, for American enterprise has forged its way into the markets on the other side of both oceans until our exports of manufactures now exceeds $300,000,000 a year. There may be some things that our exporters have not caught on to which give their European competitors some advantages over them. They may not have the well regulated methods these competitors have for building up their trade, such as local agencies and others employed to introduce the articles offered, nor the ready means of exchange between the countries.

It could hardly be expected, however, that they should have made the progress in these respects that their European competitors have who were in the field so long before them. Our merchants and manufacturers have had their eyes fixed on that field and have made efforts to secure more trade there, and if they have not been more successful it is due largely to the fact that they are handicapped by a tariff that operates very much against them, and to another fact that they do most of their foreign business with hired ships.

To reach the countries facing on the Pacific a long journey around the continent must be made to deliver products from the Atlantic States and, of course, this means higher cost of carriage, especially when there is no certainty of the ship that carries a cargo out having a cargo to return with. When the English trader sends his goods to a South American market he is ready to exchange them for products for which there is a demand in his country, and thus he finds it a much easier matter to dispose of his goods than he would if he demanded cash for them; and probably he finds the exchange more profitable than trading for cash, for he thus gets a higher price than if he sold for cash, while he may also in his own country get enough for the goods he brings back to make him a very handsome profit. In this he has the advantage of our traders because he takes these goods into his home ports free of tariff duty, while the American trader is forced to sell for money or if he exchanges for products finds himself compelled to pay tariff duties that cut his profits down very much if they do not wipe them them out entirely.

With the natural resources of the countries South of us and the development that is sure to come, there is a splendid field for American manufacturers of textiles, iron, steel, machinery, agricultural implements, &c., with which these people have become somewhat acquainted and to which, other things being equal, they would give the preference. It is true that our manufacturers ship these things to these markets and sell them for considerably less than the home prices, and in many cases compete with European manufacturers, but when it comes to taking pay or part pay in the products of those countries, then they are handicapped by the tariff restrictions that impose heavy duties on the commodities that they might take in exchange, necessitating the paying out of a considerable amount of money before they could land their goods at home, from all of which his European competitor is more or less exempt and from which his English competitor is altogether exempt.

And yet we are talking about expanding our trade on the other side of the Pacific, and are spending millions ot dollars and sacrificing thousands of lives to hold the Philippines, because they are said to be the key to the Asiatic field, where we will find even a keener competition than we have to contend against in the countries South of us, and we are persisting in a policy that strangles our trade with our Southern neighbors, and will eventually strangle our trade with the Asiatics when it becomes sufficiently large to spur European countries and Japan to hustle to check our progress. While there is talk of the "open door" in China, we need also to open our doors to the trade of these South American countries and thus give them a chance to trade with us on the same terms that they do with some other countries. We have reached that stage where we can at least knock a few bricks off of the tariff wall, and make commercial intercourse easier for our traders and for those who want to trade with them.

AN INFAMOUS BREACH OF PROMISE.

Within our reading there never was a measure conceived and supported by a Republican majority in Congress which met with as much and as severe condemnation by Republicans as the tariff bill proposed for Porto Rico. It is condemned as an inexcusable and outrageous breach of faith by this Government, which, in order to perpetrate it, is compelled to treat the constitution of the United States as a dead document. The supporters of this tariff taxation admit that if Porto Rico stood alone it might be treated as United States territory, but as its treatment would become a precedent for the treatment of the Philippines we must, in spite of our official declarations and assurances, put the tariff screws on Porto Rico, so that there may be no precedent in the way of our putting the tariff screws on the Philippines and shutting their doors against the trade of other nations, and, as a consequence, against our own trade, too.

Gen. Miles was sent with an army to invade Porto Rico. Instead of having to fight his way as he anticipated he and his army were welcomed and received as friends and deliverers. The stars and stripes were raised by the people over their towns and there was the wildest rejoicing. The mayors of some cities headed their official papers, "Porto Rico, U. S. A."

In recognition of these facts and the friendly feeling of the people, Gen. Miles, as the representative of the President, issued a proclamation in which he said: "Porto Rico, under the American flag, will enjoy the same privileges and the same immunities as the citizens of the different States and Territories of the Union."

Is there any thing equivocal or any enigmatical in this language? Is it susceptible of any more than one construction? Isn't it a plain declaration that Porto Rico was to be treated in all respects like other territory then within the jurisdiction of the United States? Didn't the Porto Ricans and everybody else so understand it? Has it ever been repudiated at Washington or any hint given that it was not to be kept in good faith, until this infernal scheme to treat the island as conquered territory was hatched out, to justify contemplated action in the case of the Philippines? For a pure, unmitigated breach of solemn promise, and sacrifice of national honor, this caps the climax of perfidy. No wonder that it has aroused, even among Republicans, a storm of indignation that threatens the existence of the party that is responsible for it.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplines, Melancholy, Headache, Backsache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R BELLAMY, druggist. †

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other. †

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HE IS WHITE.

Hon. Marion Butler is getting a good many reminders these days from Populists that they do not propose to let him ring their noses and lead them whithersoever he will. We have published several of these reminders, and herewith give another, from W. B. Conway, a Populist of Franklin county, addressed to the Louisburg *Times*, from which we clip it. He says:

"I have read what our Congress man, Hon. John W. Atwater, had to say regarding the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and also what Mr. J. J. Marshall, a Populist of Forsyth county, said in his open letter to Marion Butler, and as a Populist, who joined that party when it was organized, with the hope that it would better the condition of affairs, I desire publicly, through your columns, to express my approval of the sentiments contained in the articles of both Mr. Atwater and Mr. Marshall. I joined the Populist party because I believed that the leaders were honest in their claims, that they were the friends of the laboring man and were honestly laboring for reforms in our government But I am convinced, after witnessing their inconsistency and hypocrisy in 'fusing' with a party whose entire platform is almost directly opposite to that of their own, that those leaders are 'wolves in sheep's clothing.' And not being satisfied with 'fusing' us heretofore with the Republican party, they now come at a time, when the white people are endeavoring to put the affairs of the State in safe and reliable hands, and ask us to follow them in their fight against their own race and color; not for the good they expect to accomplish for the people, but for no other purpose than to keep themselves in office.

"Others may do as they please, but for me I am a white man, and I propose to show it by my actions and my vote. So Mr. Editor, please count me as solid for the amendment. Not that I have any prejudice against the negro, but because I believe that its adoption will bring about a better state of things, and wi l give us 'white government' for all time."

There are thousands of other honest Populists in the State, who when it comes to lining up on this question will be found shoulder to shoulder with their white neighbors, fighting to make white supremacy permanent, not simply because they are white men, feel like white men and want to be regarded as white men, but because they feel that white supremacy is not only the best thing for the white man but the best thing for the black man, some of whom are intelligent enough to realize this, and favor it and would probably publicly advocate it if it were not for fear of social ostracism and personal injury.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rocky Mount *Argonaut*: We learn that a move is being made by some of our progressive citizens to put up a knitting factory in the west end of town.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Some old people, whose weather predictions heretofore have given them prestige in the weather business, are of the opinion that we will have some very severe cold weather yet before the advent of Spring.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Mr. A. S. Dunn says he has been engaged for the greater part of the last six months in cutting at his mills near Enfield 52 car loads of cross arms for telegraph poles. The timber was shipped from Enfield to Norfolk where it was finished up properly and then shipped directly to Manila.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Judge Walter Clark's fine brick hotel at Halifax was burned Thursday morning at about half past two o'clock, and the building and most of the contents are total losses. The hotel was a splendid three-story brick structure and cost $14.000 to build it. Judge Clark did not have a dollar of insurance on it.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Sunday night Mr. Tom Talbyrd, of Carmel, Montgomery county, was found dead in his own house, his body dangling at the end of a rope, the other end having been thrown over a rafter and fastened there. Talbyrd was 56 years old and a widower. The rash deed was done some time Sunday while he was alone. Property on which there was a mortgage had been taken away from Talbyrd and it is thought that this had caused such a depression of spirit as to lead to suicide.

— Clinton *Democrat*: A gentleman who recently spent some time in Yadkin county says he was told while there that all the Democrats and about half the Republicans in that county favor the constitutional amendment. —— A curiosity in the way of a partridge almost white in color was received at the *Democrat* office Saturday. It was caught in a trap on the Killett plantation, four miles south of town. —— Mr. J. J. Barden, of Turkey township, lost his dwelling and smoke-house by fire on Tuesday night, the 27th. The fire was discovered about 11 o'clock, when the roof was all ablaze. Most of the meat was saved but very little in the dwelling. We understand that there was $1,000 insurance, which is not sufficient to cover the loss. Mr. Barden was in Wilmington at the time on business.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. James Osborne lives at Hickory Grove. He married Miss Little, a daughter of Mr. Alex Little. Mrs. Osborne's sister, Miss Mollie Little, has been visiting them several days. Tuesday night she attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum. She swallowed the contents of a two ounce bottle, about 12 o'clock and went to bed. Her heavy breathing attracting the attention of some of the family, and on not being able to arouse them went in haste for for physicians. Before the physicians —three in number, arrived, the cause of her stupor was explained in the finding of the empty bottle near the bed. The doctors worked with her all night, and to-day at noon she was better. Disappointment in love was the cause of her attempting to take her life. She had written a long letter of ten or twelve pages stating why she was going to kill herself—because her affections were not returned; she did not care to live, she said. Miss Little is 25 years of age, and is perfectly sane. Her family did not in the least suspect that she was carrying a burden that would drive her to despreation. Miss Little died at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. —— Tom Kerns, colored, fell from the top of a tram way, a distance of forty feet, at a Charlotte Oil & Fertilizer Works this morning about ten minutes before four o'clock, and broke his neck. —— While Charlotte has had an abundance of rain today, (Wednesday) Greensboro, just 93 miles north of us, has been in the midst of one of the largest snow storm of the Winter. A passenger who came in on No. 33 this morning said that a blinding storm was in full sway when the train reached that city this morning. The fall of snow extends as far south as Salisbury.

FOR BLOOD AND NERVES

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Take Paine's Celery Compound in the spring, when the nerves, brain and physical strenght of the body are exhausted by over work and climatic changes. It makes rich blood and restores nerve energy. Paine's Celery Compound helps thousands of people every spring. Read our strong testimonials.

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TWINKLINGS.

— Mrs Hix—"Is your daughter happily married?" Mrs. Dix—"Indeed she is. Her husband shakes in his boots every time she speaks."

— She (after the proposal)—"You know papa is not rich." He (philosophically)—"Oh, well, I'd rather take his chances than mine."—*Harlem Life.*

— Fully Qualified: School Trustee—"Do you think you are capable of teaching the young idea how to shoot?" Applicant—"Sure, I was born and raised in Kentucky."

— Mistress—"How did you happen to let the fire go out?" New Girl—"I'm sure I don't know, ma'am, unless you happened to forget to tell me to put coal on."

— Mrs. Wellment—"Don't you know that rum is a destroyer?" Weary Willy—"Yes, lady; but so is trolley cars and bicycl s, and dum dum bullets and corsets; but still folks will use 'em."—*Puck.*

— "He insulted me," said the legislator. "Indeed?" returned the plain citizen, "Offered you money, I suppose?" "Oh, it wasn't that," replied the legislator, "but he underestimated my price."

— The Emperor's Mistake: Young Isaac (reading)—"Ven Napoleon saw Moscow in vlames he vept!" Mr. Isaac—"No vender! Ef I had peen Napoleon I vould haff got Moscow insured pefore I left Paris!"—*Puck.*

— Love Versus Logic—She—"I'm very sorry, but I can never be your wife," He—"Oh, that's all right. If you are cruel enough to refuse my offer, then you are unworthy of a love so great as mine, therefore, I do not love you any more. Good night."

— I'll give the Boers credit for one thing," remarked the engineer of the armored train, as several more shells banged against the armor; their gunners would make ideal suburban citizens." "How's that?" inquired the fireman. "Why, they never miss a train!" retorted the engineer, as the baggage car left the track.—*Puck.*

— "Do you think a man can do as good and effective work dictating as he can with a pen?" asked the attache of the campaign literary bureau. "That's a foolish question," said the practical politician with the abruptness which superior knowledge sometimes affects. "You never heard of a man's dictating the signature to a check, did you?"—*Washington Star.*

Prevented a Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadfuly tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors, but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attach of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Only 50 cents and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10 cents at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The United States Government, under the present administration, is inconsistent. It contemplates giving the Filipinos a charter written by Aguinaldo's prime minister, and insists that the Filipinos are not capable of self-government.—*Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, Dem.*

—— National Democratic Committeeman Shanklin declares that the course of the Republican administration in attaching a silver rider to the currency bill, in advocating a subsidy bill and the Porto Rican tariff bill, will certainly put Indiana in the Democratic column next fall.—*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— The President is plainly right on one point, at any rate. He is "unable," he says, "to subscribe to the theory that the Constitution follows the flag." His inability is well founded, as it is based on the whole history of his party. Neither does the flag follow the Constitution. The simple statement of the facts is that the two parted company in 1861 and have only met by accident on a few occasions since.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

—— Boer finances are not strained by the war, as they work the gold mines owned by the enemy, getting quite enough bullion to supply their needs and keep the home mint running overtime. They will have no overissues of paper to retire when the war is over, which is one good thing to look forward to at least. The retrospect will be equally cheerful from the frugal Boer point of view inasmuch as they have been able to pay expenses of the campaign out of somebody else's property.—*Brooklyn Citizen.*

A Banker's Generosity.

In a chapter of reminiscences of Von Bunsen and his friends, in The Century, the Hon. John Bigelow tells this anecdote of Humboldt:

One day he was dining with Mendelssohn, the banker, and, an unusual thing for him, was very silent. His host, remarking it, observed to Humboldt that he was sure he must be ill.

"No," said Humboldt, "but I am in great trouble. Only ten minutes before leaving my apartment to come here I received from my landlord a note informing me that he had sold the house in which I reside and that I must move. The very thought drives me to despair. I really cannot bear to move again."

Mendelssohn gradually led Humboldt into conversation, during which he found time to write a note and receive an answer to it. He then took Humboldt aside, and said: "By this note I learn that I am now the owner of the house in which you reside. The condition, however, upon which I have become its possessor is that you continue to occupy your apartment in it as long as you live."

No Keys.

Ida—I wonder why old Thinkman, the inventor, wears such long hair?

May—His head contains such valuable ideas that they have to be protected by locks.

Ida—But they are not metal.

May—Oh, yes; they are silver locks.—Chicago News.

AS TO VOTING.

Solomon Sloan Tells What He Would Do if He Were Boss.

Mr. Editor:

If I were boss—

The man who had six children would have six votes, and the man who had no children would have no vote.

A government by the people ought to include all the people, and children are people when it comes to taking a census and fixing congress districts.

Lots of women want to vote, but it would never do. Think of the dishes unwashed, the socks unmended, children uncared for, husbands uncomfortable and homes unhappy if they did.

Give women the ballot, and the good ones won't use it and the bad ones will.

Let voting be based on children, and the women will be satisfied. They will get all the representation they want.

A government in which the man with three children gets three votes and the man with ten children ten votes will be a good government.

Fathers of families want good schools for their children to go to, clean streets for them to play in, moral surroundings for them to grow up in, prosperous times so that they can get plenty to eat.

Fathers of families are not the "floating vote" that makes campaign expenses count up.

Indirectly voting by children will work still greater wonders.

Men desert their families now and leave their wives to struggle over the washtub to support six small children. Now, if every one of those children means one vote, what father is going to desert them? Throw away his six votes? Not much.

There are widows now by the thousand, left unprovided for, with hungry little mouths to feed. Let the children count as votes, and the more "incumbrances" the widow has the more men she will find ready and willing to marry her.

Only the bachelors would be unrepresented, and that would be their own fault.

That's how it would be if I were boss. —Solomon Sloan in New York Herald.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, March 9, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand; prices higher. American middling fair, 5 23-32d; good middling 5 17 32d; middling 5 15 32d; low middling 5 11 32d; good ordinary 5 5 32d; ordinary 4 31-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 7,900 American. Receipts 7,400 bales, all American.

Futures opened firm and closed barely steady. American middling (l. m. c.)—March 5 20 64@5 21 64d value; March and April 5 17 64@5 18 64d seller; April and May 5 13 64d buyer; May and June 5 10-64d seller; June and July 5 7-64d buyer; July and August 5 4-64d buyer; August and September 4 60-64d seller; September and October 4 36 64d seller; October and November 4 32 64@4 33 64d seller; November and December 4 17 64@4 18 64d seller; December and January 4 15 64@4 16 64d seller; January and February 4 14 64d buyer.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—83 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—387 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 59 barrels rosin, 113 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—14 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 19 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—7 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—34 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 136 barrels tar.

Steamer Driver—157 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—8 casks spirits turpentine, 86 barrels rosin, 111 tar.

Steamer Seabright—12 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 52 barrels tar.

Steamer Orœsus—5 barrels tar.

Larkin's Flat—33 barrels tar.

Total—Cotton, 537 bales; spirits turpentine, 22 casks; rosin, 195 barrels; tar, 626 barrels; crude turpentine, 17 barrels.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1 00; tar firm at $1 00; crude turpentine steady at $1 35 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	22
Rosin	195
Tar	626
Crude turpentine	17

Receipts same day last year.—32 casks spirits turpentine, 463 bbls rosin, 325 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 9¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 15-16 cts.	₰ lb
Good ordinary	8 5-16	" "
Low middling	8 15 16	" "
Middling	9¼	" "
Good middling	9¾	" "

Same day last year middling firm at 6c.

Receipts—537 bales; same day last year, 176 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77½@80c Virginia—Prime, 50@53¾c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 53 to 53½ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85c upland, 50@60c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00: seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

LOCAL SECURITIES.

Quotations on local securities furnished and regularly corrected by Hugh MacRae & Co:

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	BID.	ASKED.
A. C. L. of Conn., 5 per ct. Certs	119	119¼
A. C. L. of Conn., stock	150	...
A. C. L. of S. C.	123	...
Wilmington & Weldon	175	...
W. & W. 7 per ct Certs	143	146
N. C. R. R.	157	160
Wilmington Compress Co	...	10
Delgado Mills	100	110
Wilmington Cotton Mills, pfd	110	115
Henrietta Mills	126	...
Wilmington Gas Light Co	70	74
Carolina Insurance Co	107½	...
Underwriters' Insurance Co	105	108
National Bank of Wilmington	112	115
Atlantic National Bank	900	...
Murchison National Bank	112	...
Wil. Savings & Trust Co	215	...

BONDS.

N. C 4's	103½	106½
N. C. 6's	135	138
City Wilm. con. 8's, gold, 1923	113	115
City Wilm. con. 6's, cur.	100	...
City Wilm. 5's 1919	100	...
City Wilm. 6's	101	105
Masonic Temple 1st 6's	105	...
Masonic Temple 2d 6's	...	100
Wilmington Compress Co.'s 8's	85	...
Wilmington & Weldon 5's	116	...
A. C. L. 4's	100	...

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Money on call easier; actual transactions were at 3@4 per cent., last loan at 3. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486 for demand and 482¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 483½@484 and 487@487¼. Commercial bills 481¼@482¼. Silver certificates 60¼@61¼. Bar silver 59¾. Mexican dollars 47¼. Government bonds easy. State bonds easy. Railroad bonds were irregular. U. S. 2's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 111½; do. coupon, 112. U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 136½; do. coupon, 136¾; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 117½; do. coupon, 118¾; U. S. 5's, reg'd 116½; do. coupon, 116¾; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 106; Southern R'y 5's 109 Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 61½; Chesapeake & Ohio 28¾; Manhattan L 93¾; New York Central 132¾; Reading 17¾; do. 1st prefer'd 58; St. Paul 120¾; do. preferred 172½; Southern Railway 13½; do. preferred 57½; American Tobacco, 103¾; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 94; Sugar ex div 97½; do preferred 107½; T. C. & Iron 92; U. S. Leather 11¼; do. preferred 71½; Western Union 83¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Rosin was quiet; strained common to good $1 70 @1 72½. Spirits turpentine quiet at 55@55½c.

CHARLESTON, March 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 52c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, March 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 53½c; sales 50 casks; receipts 85 casks; exports 22 casks. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; receipts 546 barrels; exports 1,497 barrels. Prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A very large business was transacted in cotton today with the course of the market irregular from start to finish. At the outset there was an advance of seven and twenty-three points. This was largely owing to a better class of cables than had been looked for, leading to active covering and some renewed speculative buying, after which there was a period of reaction which reduced the advance from ten to twenty points. The reason for this drop was found in the failure of the English market to maintain all the earlier advance. The easier ruling of the public cables was attended by private cables to the effect that spinners were holding large supplies; that sections of the Oldham Railway sheds were overcrowded with cotton; that the early advance at Liverpool was largely due to outside speculative buying, including the purchase of 50,000 bales July-August cotton by an Egyptian party. Receipts to day were a bullish factor. Later, trading became very active and the market decidedly firmer; prices advanced to a level of twenty three and thirty seven points above yesterday's closing figures. The rally was largely due to an influx of orders following telegraph dispatches sent all around calling attention to New York as the lowest market and encouraging buying orders. The close was finally firm at a net advance of twenty to thirty six points.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 9 9 16c.

Cotton futures closed firm: March 9 32, April 9 28, May 9 28, June 9 28, July 9 29 August 9.14, September 9 25, October 7.98, November 7 88, December 7.84, January 7 84

Spot cotton closed quiet at 1-16c advance; middling uplands 9 9 16c; middling gulf 9 13 16c; sales 2,112 bales.

Net receipts 1,150 bales; gross receipts 8,022 bales; exports to the Continent 3,000 bales; exports to France 112 bales; stock 143,603 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 20,378 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,909 bales; exports to France 112 bales; exports to the Continent 9,278 bales; stock 918,659 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 155,661 bales; exports to Great Britain 51,499 bales; exports to France 562 bales; exports to the Continent 95 321 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,631,046 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,649,284 bales; exports to France 588,807 bales; exports to the Continent 1,906,925 bales.

March 9.—Galveston, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 2,143 bales; Norfolk, nominal at 9⅝, net receipts 13 253 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9⅝c, net receipts 1,432 bales; Boston, dull at 9¼c, net receipts 175 bales; Wilmington, nominal at 9¼, net receipts 431 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 9 13 16c, net receipts 51 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 6,277 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 6,278 bales; Mobile, steady at 9 3 16c, net receipts 305 bales; Memphis, dull at 9½, net receipts 741 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9⅝c, net receipts 311 bales; Charleston, quiet at 9¼, net receipts 425 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Flour was held higher for spring and winter straights, with a fair demand for the former. In other respects the market was quiet. Winter straights $3 45@3 55. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 76½c; options were firm on a scare of shorts, following strength in corn, but finally declined under realizing and closed easy at ½@⅝c net decline March closed 76c; May closed 72⅜c; July closed 72⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 43½c; options opened easy with wheat, but at once turned strong on light country acceptances and prospects of light receipts owing to bad country roads. Closed firm at ½@⅝c net advance. May closed 40⅞c, July closed 41¼c. Oats—Spot firm, No 2, 28¼; options were very slow all day but ruled steady with corn. Lard steady; Western steam $6 20; refined steady; Continent $6 45. Cheese firm; fancy large white and colored 13@13¼; small colored 13¼c; fancy small white 13@13¼c. Tallow dull. Butter was steady. Western creamery 20@26c; State dairy 18@25c. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania 13@13½c at mark; Southern 12½@13c mark; Western 13@13½c at mark. Potatoes quiet; New Jersey $1 25@1 50, New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@2 00; New Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Cabbage quiet; Long Island $4 00@6 00 per 100. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 33d Petroleum steady. Rice steady; domestic fair 4⅛@4½c; Japan 4¾@5c. Peanuts steady. Cotton seed oil very dull and nominally weak on small lots Quoted: Prime crude, in barrels, 33½c; prime summer yellow 36c; off summer yellow nominal; butter grades 38@39c, nominal; prime winter yellow 39c; prime white 39c; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice 8¼@8⅜c, nominal; No. 7 jobbing 8¾@8⅞c; mild quiet; Cordova 9½@14c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 13 16c; centrifugal 4 5 16c; molasses sugar 3⅝c; refined quiet and steady.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Disappointing cables and the enormous Argentine shipments caused a weak opening in wheat to day but this was overcome by a strength of the Liverpool spot market and the cash business here. The market receded from the top on profit taking but closed firm, May ¼ and ⅜ under yesterday, May corn closed ⅛ and May oats ⅛ and ⅜c up. At the close the provision market was practically unchanged and steady.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 64½c; No 3 spring 63½c; No. 2 red 68¾@69½c. Corn—No. 2, 34⅜@34¾c. Oats—No. 2 23¼@23½c; No. 2 white 26@27½c; No. 3 white 25¼@26c. Pork, per barrel, $9 87@10 55. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 75@5 87½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 60@5 70 Dry salted shoulders, $6 25@6 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 00@6 10. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 24

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 March 65, 65⅛, 65, 65⅛c; May 65⅞@66, 66⅝, 65⅞, 66⅛c; July 66¼@66⅞, 67⅛, 66⅜, 66⅞@67c. Corn—No. 2 March 34½, 34⅛, 34¾, 34¼c; May 35¼@35⅜, 35¾, 35¼, 35½c; July 35⅝@35¾, 35⅝@36, 35¾, 35⅝@35¾c; September 36½, 36¼, 36, 36c. Oats—May 23¾@23¼, 23⅝, 23¾, 23½c; July 22¼, 22½, 22¼, 22½. Pork, per bbl—May $10 75, 10 85, 10 72½, 10 80; July $10 80, 10 87½, 10 77½, 10 85. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $5 92½, 5 95, 5 90, 5 95; July $6 00, 6 02½, 6 00, 6 02½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $5 87½, 5 82½, 5 87½, 5 90; July $5 90, 5 95, 5 90, 5 92½.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat firmer—Spot and month 72¼@72¾c; May 73¼@73½c; Southern wheat by sample 67@73½c. Corn firmer—Spot and month 39@39½c; April 39¼@39½c; May 39⅜@39¾c; Southern white corn 39½c asked. Oats dull; No. 2 white 31c, sales.

Norfolk Peanut Market.

NORFOLK, VA., March 9.—Peanuts steady; new fancy 2¾c per pound; strictly prime, 2½c; prime, 2¼@2¾c; common, 1½@3c; Spanish, 77

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Primary Election.

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First Ward—Genauet's Store.
Second Ward—Old Court House.
Third Ward—Gilbert Lodge.
Fourth Ward—Worth's Ice Depot, Dock street.
Fifth Ward—Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder House
Cape Fear Township—Blossom's Store.
Harnett Township—Township House.
Delgado Mills (Harnett Township)—Delgado Mills Store.
Masonboro Township—Township House.
Federal Point Township—Biddle's Store.

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HE BOUGHT A FOREST

A YANKEE DEAL WITH A STRONG GOLD BRICK FLAVOR.

The Westerner Was Game, Though, and Had No Kick to Make Over the Transaction—A New England Village Election Trick.

There are fewer people in the farming districts of New England than there are in the west. This is one reason why fewer "gold bricks" are bought in the east. But if the "gold brick" dealer is in no hurry New England is his field. The New England mind moves slowly not because it is great, but because it lacks confidence in itself, but when it comes down on a proposition nothing can loosen its grip.

A New England man will look at the old shell game for two or three summers and whittle and say nothing. Then when he thinks he is not watched he will put up all his possessions on the seductive chance and lost of course. But this characteristic of pause in the New England mind is not always to be taken as an evidence of credulity. There is, in spite of seeming paradox, no more cunning individual than this same New England farmer, who worships methodically and who, on the surface, "keeps all the laws."

A western man went to Massachusetts last winter on a speculation. The statement, unattended by explanation, would warrant an expression of doubt. Western men do not go into New England to speculate as a cold proposition. In this case the western man had a whim to satisfy. His daughter, who had read "The Courtship of Miles Standish" until it was gospel truth to her mind, persuaded him to buy a farm in Massachusetts.

It was stipulated that the farm should have trees. They were to be pine and cedar and similar hardy growth, which the snows of winter would not affect. It is curious that a man accustomed to the practical life of the west should have a fancy of this sort, but there are streaks in the human mind which no philosophy can explain.

One old man in the Bay State who represents the third generation on the place heard that a western man was "looking about to buy." No one will ever know when this New Englander incubated the idea of selling the homestead. It might have been lurking for a quarter of a century. During one of the big snowfalls the western man visited, by arrangement, the farm. The owner had waited to make the appointment. Another evidence of the poky characteristic of the New Englander. But wait until you see the method in his lingering.

The western man arrived late in the day and after a hearty New England supper retired. On the following day he was piloted through the snow over the farm. Pines and cedars and everlasting growth were everywhere. Even in the acreage, where three generations had plowed and harvested, there were trees and shrubs. The westerner had never seen a farm like this. The old New Englander explained that the soil was so productive of evergreens that he had to postpone planting often in order to grub the underbrush.

There is nothing like backing up your bluff. The westerner, although accustomed to stiff games, was taken in by the saintly New Englander. That night the purchase money was paid by the westerner. He left quite early the following morning for New York, closed up the deal and started west. He was to have possession of the New England farm in May.

He came back in May with his wife and daughter and reached the "old homestead" in the evening. Only a keeper was on the premises. The former owner had moved out so that the new one might have possession of all at once. The following day the western household was out early to look over the place. There was no snow on the ground. The evergreens, the pines and cedars were everywhere, just as the westerner had told his wife and daughter. But the wife, a practical sort of woman, who hadn't much use for Longfellow, asked "pa" why the trees were in tubs and buckets.

Was the New England mind slow? The man who represented the third generation on this farm, having learned that your western farmer was on a sentimental purchase, bought up all the trees in boxes and tubs, such as you see in summer gardens and in barren places, and had them stacked away until a big snow dropped all over New England. Then they were planted about the old place, and the snow was packed about the boxes to hide them.

Your western man, who salted mines and sold them to eastern capitalists, thought he was smart. I am told by the man who related this transaction, and he is rated high, that when the western man saw that he had bought a "gold brick" he never squealed. He was too thoroughly western for that. He just said to his wife: "Well, the old New Englander didn't lie about it. He never said the trees were in the ground." And now "an old New England farm" is on the books of a real estate agent. In case of sale "immediate possession" is guaranteed.

The villagers of a New England town not far from the farm sold to the westerner held an election. One of those local issues came up that often distracts a whole county.

A few miles out of town about 200 laborers were engaged. They had been in the county just long enough to entitle them to the franchise so dear to the newcomer. Two hundred votes will change the result of a village election.

The laborers went to their work before the polls opened. They started on their return by train an hour before the polls closed. When half way back, the engine came to a standstill. The engineer dropped sand and opened the valves, but the wheels of the engine went round like a windmill. The engine wouldn't budge.

The villagers, who had not enough votes to carry their ticket on account of the new vote that had been dumped, had greased the rails. The new vote did not reach the village until the polls were closed. The villagers of a sleepy New England town had beaten a corporation.—Chicago Tribune.

A Pipe Dream.

"Smoking in Holland," said a traveler, "is so common that it is impossible to tell one person from another in a room of smokers."

"How is any one who happens to be wanted picked out, then?" asked a listener.

"Oh, a waiter goes around with a pair of bellows and blows the smoke from before each face till he recognizes the person called for! Fact, gentlemen."—Swindon Advertiser.

The Iron Kind.

Squirrel—These are the hardest nuts I ever tackled.—New York Journal.

Sad Catastrophe.

Mrs. Golde-Nugget—I cannot see any callers today, Nanette.

Nanette (five minutes later to caller)—Monsieur, I haf ze plaisure to inform you zat madame is blind today.—Philadelphia North American.

Dear Hunting.

Friend—Have any deer hunting?

Sportsman—I killed a cow.

Friend—That wasn't deer.

Sportsman—It wasn't, eh? The shot cost me $40.—Philadelphia Record.

Illogical.

Friend—I suppose there are a great many people who owe you their lives.

Doctor—They say they do, but the relatives always kick like thunder when I accidentally collect a bill of that kind.—New York Journal.

Democratic Primaries.

NOTICE.

All white men who wish to join the movement for the promotion of good government, and who honestly intend to support the Democratic nominees, are invited to participate in a primary election which is hereby called to be held in the several wards and townships of New Hanover county on Thursday, March 22d, 1900, at the following hours:

Polls in the city will be open at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 7 P. M.

Polls in the precincts outside of the city of Wilmington will open at 9 o'clock and close at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Primary Election is called for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county offices:

Sheriff, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, two members of the House of Representatives.

Also, a Senator for New Hanover and Brunswick counties.

The said Primary Election is also called for the purpose of electing five executive committeemen for each precinct, and delegates to the county convention which is hereby called to meet on Saturday, March 31st, 1900, in the Court House in Wilmington for the purpose of electing delegates to the state and District Conventions and for the purpose of ratifying the action of the primaries.

At the close of the election the poll-holders shall immediately count the votes and make returns in duplicate to the County Executive Committee, at the Court House, signed by at least two of the poll-holders.

The County Executive Committee shall certify the result to the County Convention which shall ratify the action of the people in the primaries by declaring the candidates who received a majority of the aggregate vote cast in the county for the respective offices the regular nominees of the Democratic Party.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the vote cast for the office for which he stood, then a second primary shall be held on Tuesday, March 27th, 1900, which primary shall be governed by the same rules and regulations which governed the first primary, and the only candidates voted for shall be the two which received the highest vote in the first primary. Votes cast for any other persons shall not be counted.

There shall be only one voting place in each ward and township, except that in Harnett township there shall be two, one of which shall be located at or near the Delgado Mills.

Ballot boxes shall be provided as follows: At each voting place there shall be one box properly labelled for County Offices; one box for Legislative Candidates; and one box for each precinct, where there is more than one precinct in the ward or township, in which votes for precinct executive committeemen and delegates to the county convention shall be cast.

Candidates for county offices shall be voted for on one ballot; candidates for legislative offices shall be voted for on one ballot; and executive committeemen and delegates to the county convention shall be voted for on one ballot.

The following inspectors of election and pollholders have been appointed.

First Ward—W. T. Carpenter, W. L. West, C. J. W. Rehder.

Second Ward—E. Keith Calder, H. G. Fennell, J. G. Love.

Third Ward—L. B. Sasser, I. H. Well, E. T. Wade.

Fourth Ward—W. F. Robertson, G. H. Smith, A. L. DeRosset.

Fifth Ward—B. B. Penny, Jno. F. Littleton, J. S. Barnes.

Cape Fear Township—W. H. Shearin, Robt. Bordeaux, Chas. Casteen.

Harnett Township—At Township House—W. F. Alexander, B. B. Humphrey, J. D. Woody. At Delgado Mills—Jesse Williams, James Ezell, D. F. O'Brien.

Masonboro Township—J. T. Hawkins, C. B. Bishop, B. S. Montford.

Federal Point Township—Owen Martindale, J. T. Burnett, Thos. McGhee.

The polling places will be announced later.

The several precincts are entitled to the following representation in the County Convention:

First Ward—First precinct, six delegates; second precinct, four delegates; Third precinct, three delegates; Fourth precinct, one delegate; Fifth precinct, one delegate.

Second Ward—(Two precincts), sixteen delegates.

Third Ward—First precinct, ten delegates; Second precinct, seven delegates.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, seven delegates; Second precinct, six delegates.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, six delegates; Second precinct, seven delegates; Third precinct, five delegates; Fourth precinct, two delegates.

Cape Fear Township—Two delegates.

Harnett Township—(Two precincts), four delegates.

Masonboro Township—Two delegates.

Federal Point Township—One delegate.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover county.

D. McEACHERN, Chairman.
W. A. WRIGHT, Secretary.
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I have them...

Oranges, sweet as sugar,
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Fancy Wine Sap Apples,
60c per peck.

Fancy Jamaica Bananas,
20c per dozen.

California Pears and Malaga Grapes.
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Two Hundred and Twenty-six acres on Roan's Island on Cape Fear river. Some valuable Cypress and Gum timber.

Eighty Acres Near Burgaw.

One 80-acre tract of Land within half mile of Burgaw. None cleared, but easily put in state of cultivation.

Valuable Farm near Greenville, N. C.

A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village, Pender county—25 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

Fifty Acres of Land

One-half mile from South Washington, on the W. & W. R. R., in Pender county. Borders on county roads. Very valuable for trucking.

Property in Burgaw.

Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary out buildings. A nice desirable six-room residence Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheet and cattle Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lots of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A young orchard of 50 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,
R. G. GRADY & CO.,
Burgaw, N. C.
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Statement of Condition of
THE
Murchison National Bank
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business February 28th, 1900.
(Began business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$297,969 53
Stocks and bonds	5 135.00
U. S. bonds	113 000 00
Premium on U. S. bonds	9 500 00
Five per cent. redemption fund	2 700.00
Revenue stamps	368.00
Office furniture	750.00
Cash on hand and in banks	227,946 06
Total	$656,768.58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$300 000.00
Profits less expenses	20 079 27
Circulation	54.00 .00
Deposits	282,696.31
Total	$656,768.58

WE SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNT.

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Schedule In Effect Jan. 14, 1900.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 3.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.16 A. M., Warsaw 11 30 A. M., Goldsboro 12.01 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 5.18 P. M., Richmond 7.35 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.03 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.29 P. M., Warsaw 8.53 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M Weldon 1.04 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 5.38 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M

DAILY except Sunday 2.35 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.38 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M. Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M — No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12 05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12 25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston *1.00 P. M., New York *3.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9 48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.30 P. M., Warsaw 4 21 P. M., Magnolia 4.35 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1 45 P. M., Washington 3.07 P. M., Richmond 6.45 P. M., Petersburg 7.31 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 8.55 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.30 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 12.05 A. M

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 7.15 P. M — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 2.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 4.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.35 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.35 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 A. M. P. M. arrive Fayetteville 3.43 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

Daily except Sunday

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 53 A. M. Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4 40 P. M. Hope Mills 4.53 P. M., Red Springs 5.25 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.05 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.37 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.50 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11 00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 10 00 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 11.10 A. M., 4.05 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.35 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Nashville 12.15 A. M., 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 5.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leave Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrive Dillon 6.30 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 8.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.45 P. M.; leave Conway 5.30 A. M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.15 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.10 P. M. Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.30 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.0? A. M

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 5.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M. Darlington 6.30 P. M., arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.55 P. M., 10.25 P. M. arrive Selma 2.45 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., 12.17 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M., Fayetteville 12.30 P. M., 9.50 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.54 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M. 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.35 A. M., Creston 5.10 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.13 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.08 P. M Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliott 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
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T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad
Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST			GOING WEST	
2 Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 39	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	8 57	9 00
7 22	7 27	Morehead City.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 10.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

The Ameer of Afghanistan Makes Statement of His Policy--Avowed Friendliness to England.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 9, 5.42 P. M.—The Ameer of Afghanistan has authorized his agent in London to publish the following statement of the policy of Afghanistan towards Great Britain and Russia. After saying that he had devoted much anxious thought to the possibility of Russia taking advantage of the Transvaal war to advance through Afghanistan on India, His Highness adds:

"I have come to the conclusion that Russia feared Afghanistan, as a war with the Afghans would mean a general rising of all Islam, which would spread through Russian Asia. Russia has not troops enough to combat such a rising. Her hold on the Mussulman countries she has conquered is insecure. They hate her, and with ten times her power, Russia could not fight Afghanistan and India successfully.

"The Afghans prefer death to slavery and their women and children are being taken by the Russians."

After saying he is willing to send numeorus troops to help Great Britain in the Transvaal but adding that the Afghans are unaccustomed to the sea, the Amert adds: "But England's troubles are always my troubles; her strength is my strength and her weakness is my weakness, England must remember that I am always ready to fight for her on land here or in India."

Possibility of Peace.

LONDON, March 9.—From various quarters come signs of the possibility of peace in South Africa being shortly within the bounds of practical politics. All the dispatches from Lord Roberts' headquarters, including those of the commander-in-chief himself, indicate the lack of a guiding spirit among the Boers and individual demoralization, pointing to disintegration unless speedily stemmed.

The flight of the burghers from Poplar Grove, according to all accounts, was wholly inglorious. A *Times* dispatch from Poplar Grove, under yesterday's date, goes so far as to assert that the rout of the Boers was so complete that the submission of the Free State is being demanded by the burghers from their unwilling president, and it is expected that its submission will be made within a week.

The correspondent adds: "Probably the Boers' wisest course was flight, but it was most undignified, and is certain to produce consternation at Bloemfontein. There is a growing outcry against any further identification of the Free State with the Transvaal's interests.

"Dispatches from the Boer camp at Glencoe, via Lorenzo Marques, depict President Kruger as donning a bandolier, seizing a rifle and inviting volunteers to accompany him, as he wished to have a shot at the enemy himself.

"President Kruger is also quoted as having declared in his address to the troops, that he did not know whether arbitration or intervention would end the struggle, but that it would end quickly within the next month, he strongly believed."

The British Advance.

Meanwhile the British are not staying their advance. Lord Roberts has moved ten miles nearer Bloemfontein, evidently with the view of seizing and utilizing the railroad, possibly to reach the Free State capital in three or four days, whence he may begin repairing the railroad southward, meeting the British advance from Cape Colony, which may be expected to be hastened as soon as General White takes control. The British occupied Jamestown unopposed Thursday, March 8th, and the Boers are reported to be retreating beyond Alwal North, so that Cape Colony is practically clear of armed Boers.

Reinforcements from Natal are going to Lord Roberts. General Warren's division and some artillery have already been ordered to join the commander-in-chief, so that the latter is preparing for all eventualties, including possible desperate opposition to his crossing the Vaal river and the necessity of the siege of Pretoria, where thousands of natives are reported to be employed in the construction of defensive works, concerning which such secrecy is maintained that no one is allowed to walk or drive on the outskirts of the town.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, March 9th, 1900.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending March 9th, 1900:

	1899	1900
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	155,661.	88,229
Total receipts to this date.....	5,631,046	7,280,199
Exports for week..	147,377	73,059
Total exports to date.....	4,145,106	5,915,408
Stock in all U. S. ports.	918,659	748,529
Stock at all interior towns.....	412 776	449,426
Stock in Liverpool,	615,000	812,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	251,000	130,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1899: Galveston, 1,582,667 bales; New Orleans, 1,560 930; Mobile, 180,620; Savannah, 962 020; Charleston, 236,830; Wilmington, 250.053; Norfolk, 344,190; Baltimore, 74,277; New York, 72,393; Boston, 70.988; Newport News, 15,035; Philadelphia, 38 821; Brunswick, 75,168; Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, 58,190; Pensacola, 104,380. Total, 5,631,046 bales.

Wayman King, colored, was executed at Pensacola, Fla., yesterday. He murdered a negro girl.

Bismarck's Ironnerve

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SMALL SYMPATHY FOR THE BOERS.

Discussion of Mason's Resolution Behind Closed Doors in the Senate.

TILLMAN OFFERS SUBSTITUTE

Hoar Wants the President to Offer Mediation—No Conclusion Reached--Porto Rican Tariff Discussed in Open Session--Pension Matters.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Discussion of Mr. Mason's resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers was conducted in the Senate to-day behind closed doors. As soon as Senator Mason called up his motion to discharge the Foreign Relations Committee from further consideration of the resolution, Senator Davis, chairman of the committee, demanded that the doors be closed and the Senate went into secret session.

The feature of the open session today was a speech by Senator Lindsay, of Kentucky, on the Porto Rican tariff and government measure. He opposed the tariff provision of the bill and some parts of the proposition for the Porto Rican government. He maintained that under the treaty of Paris, it was provided that the civil rights and political status of the native inhabitants of the islands acquired by the United States from Spain shall be fixed by Congress, that Congress had authority to deal with Porto Rico and the Philippines as it saw fit—giving free trade to the one and levying a tariff on the products of the other. He held that action by the United States as to Porto Rico did not bind it to act similarly as to the Philippines. He opposed, too, the dogma that the constitution extended *Ex Proprio Vig ore* over the territory acquired by this government.

Mr. Allison, Iowa, reported from the committee on appropriations the House bill making appropriations of customs dues exacted from the Island of Porto Rico from October 18, 1898 to January 1, 1900, amounting to $2,095,455, and gave notice that he would call up the measure to-morrow. He said, as the measure was well understood he hoped and believed it would lead to no extended debate.

Senator Mason called up his motion, entered yesterday, to discharge the Foreign Relations Committee from further consideration of his resolution expressing the sympathy of the Senate with the Boers "in their heroic struggle with Great Britain."

The motion was laid before the Senate.

Senator Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, moved that the doors be closed and the Senate at 12 20 P. M. went into executive session.

In the secret session the discussion was mainly as to whether discussion of the Mason motion should be in open or secret session. Chairman Davis, of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that the public discussion of the subject in the Senate might result in disturbing existing relations between the United States and a friendly power.

Senator Mason suggested that resolutions of sympathy for the Armenians and the Cubans had day after day been discussed in open session and that no one thought it necessary at that time to close the doors.

Senator Lodge said that the taking of the resolution out of the hands of the committee was unprecedeated and a discourtesy.

Senator Tillman then offered the following substitute for the Mason resolution: "That the President be requested to offer the meditation and kindly offices of the United States government to put an end to the war in South Africa and secure peace between Great Britain and the Dutch republics on terms honorable to both parties to the conflict."

Senator Lodge made the point of order that a substitute resolution could not be offered to the resolution now in committee and the point was sustained.

Senator Hale made a speech in favor of the Boers. He added that he was in favor of the Boers. He added that he was in favor of the Mason resolution, but that it was useless to try and get an expression of sympathy from the Senate.

Senator Mason said if there was no secret alliance let us carry out our usual habit in such cases. We always have passed resolutions of sympathy with struggling republics, continued Senator Mason, and we should do so now.

Senator Spooner responded that England had been our friend in the Spanish war and we should do nothing to interrupt those friendly relations.

This brought Senator Hoar to his feet. He said that a great question of right and wrong was involved and it should be settled regardless of the questions of friendship, whether it was of Spain, England, or the Czar of Russia.

It is understood that the motion will be debated again next week.

At 4.05 P. M. the Senate recessed until eight o'clock to-night to read the Alaska code bill and then adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The first day pension session of the House provided for under the new rule adopted yesterday proved a great success. There was comparatively little friction and ninety-seven bills were favorably acted upon in Committee of the Whole and sbbsequently passed by the House. The only incident was a brisk exchange between Mr. Loud, of California, and Mr. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, upon the general policy of special pension legislation, in which the former attacked and the latter defended the system.

When it was moved that the House go into a committee of the Whole to consider private pension bills, Mr. Talbert, South Carolina, true to his announced plan, made the point of no quorum. The Speaker was unable to count more than 116 members present and the doors were closed and a call of the House ordered. The presence of 218 members resulted and the committee began its proceedings.

Mr. Loud, in his remarks, asserted that 95 per cent. of the special bills passed by Congress should never have been favorably considered. All of them had been rejected by the pension office. Of the million and a quarter old soldiers, and widows of old soldiers who survived the war, almost one million were on the pension rolls. Congress was still legislating for cases arising out of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Loud said he had never objected to a meritorious case.

Mr. Sulloway, of New Hampshire, chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, replied to Mr. Loud. He said he gloried in the fact that his country paid more than any other country for the care of those who defended its flag. While a single soldier was hungry and cold, his body wrecked with physical pain and his mind with mental agony, he said he prayed to God that the pension roll would increase.

At 2.50 P. M. the House adjourned.

FILIPINO INSURGENTS ARE STILL ON THE WAR PATH.

Renewed Activity in Various Provinces. Towns Surrounded and American Garrisons Attacked by Natives.

By Cable to the Morning Star

MANILA, March 9.—Generals Young and Hood are asking for reinforcements, and a battalion of the Forty-eighth regiment has been sent to Aparri. Other troops will follow. The rebels recently persistently attacked Aparri for several hours, but were finally driven away. Details of the affair are lacking.

The rebels are holding re-unions in the province of North Ilocos, and the red kalipunan (symbolic of resistance) is again appearing among the natives.

It is believed that the insurgent Generals Tinio and Flores have been driven by General Young into Gen. Hood's territory, south of Aparri. The fact that Gen. Young is unable, owing to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons in all the towns occupied has had a bad effect on the natives.

General Bates has returned here after leaving garrisons in the provinces of North and South Camarines. The expedition lost seven men killed and ten wounded. On entering New Caceres, province of South Caramines, General Bates learned that ten thousand insurgents had departed the same day. The Americans immediately sent out pursuing columns, encountering the enemy in three small engagements and killing a total of forty men.

The Spanish prisoners report that the enemy has divided into small bands in the mountains under the leadership of General Legaspi. The town of Iriga has been burned by the enemy. Both provinces were thoroughly scouted. The inhabitants of the district of Libmanan, including Abella, the provincial governor, and other officials are returning to their homes. Abella has issued a proclamation calling upon the natives to submit to the Americans.

The liberated priests from New Caceres report that the insurgents killed sixty-eight Chinamen and forty Spaniards at the town of Calabanga.

It is estimated that there are a hundred thousand bales of hemp in the Camarines provinces.

Twelve hundred well armed insurgents, formerly of Cavite province, with a Chinese general in command, surround the towns of Albay and Legaspi. They have effected three night attacks and continually harrass the Forty seventh regiment, which has lost eight men killed and twenty wounded in defending these towns.

THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

New Orleans Exchange Statement Showing Receipts, Exports and Stocks as Compared With Last Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement shows an increase in the movement into sight compared with the seven days ending this date last year of 14.000 bales and a decrease under the same time year before last of 15,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 155,553 bales, against 141,756 for the seven days ending this date last year, and for the nine days of March it has been 189,472 bales, against 166,491 last year. The total movement for the 190 days from September 1st to date is 7,883,490 bales, against 9,614,033 last year and 9,814,718 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 5.749,025 bales, against 7,340,189 last year; overland, across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada 1,061,719, against 1,104.134 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 175,306, against 349,168 last year, and Southern mill takings were 896,512, against 820,542 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 146,653, against 88,736 last year, making the total thus far for the season 4,239,395, against 5,974,534 last year.

The total takings of the mills North and South and Canada thus far for the season have been 2.909,678 bales against 2,681,571 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centres have decreased during the week 78,106 bales against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 16,674 bales.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop the supply to date is 8,501,388 bales against 9,881,599 for the same period last year.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease for the week just closed of 66,970 against a decrease of 31,618 last year.

The total visible is 3,874,089 against 3.941,059 last week and 5,369.503 last week. Of this, the total of American cotton is 3,143,089 against 3,179,059 last week, and 4,231,503 last year; of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 731,000 against 744,000 last week, and 1,135,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply there is now afloat and held in Great Britain, and continental Europe 1,995,000 bales, against 3,335,000 last year; in India 351,000 against 521,000 last year and in the United States 1,363,000 against 1,246,000 last year.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

President Kruger's Appeal to Lord Salisbury—Regarded as Merely a Ruse of the Boers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 9, 5.10 P. M.—Late this afternoon it is learned that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger has appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, offering at length, by cable, the terms which he is willing to accept. These, however, are not taken seriously, as they include practically nothing more than what the Transvaal offered prior to the issuing of the British ultimatum.

Official circles here regard the propositions as merely a ruse of the Boers to gain time, and do not consider that President Kruger is yet ready to consider the sweeping demands which Great Britain will make as reimbursement for the loss of life and great expenditure.

It is understood that President Kruger's advances had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who is believed to have said that no such attempt to retain the independence of the Transvaal can be considered for a moment by the British government.

Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, knocked out Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid" in the third round of what was to have been a 25-round bout before the Broadway Athletic Club last night. McGovern was a favorite in the betting at long odds.

BOERS' STRENGTH IS WEAKENING.

British Officials Believe That the End of the War is Now Approaching.

TALKING OF PEACE TERMS.

Gen. Roberts' Movements—Up to Some Mischief--Boer Forces Demoralized. Free Staters Want to Withdraw—Boer Dissensions.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 10, 4.15 A. M.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, when explaining to the bankers the terms of the new loan, gave them an intimation that the government considered the end of the war near. "Since the estimates were prepared," he said, "events have taken place that have changed the situation, and probably not all the money will be required."

Whatever the government may know or intend, unofficial opinion seems everywhere to think that the Boer power is collapsing.

The Eighth division has been under orders to embark for several weeks, but these orders, as far as the artillery contingent is concerned, have been recalled, Lord Roberts having reported that no more artillery from heme is necessary. This is the first pause in reinforcements since the war began. Sir Redvers Buller, second in command in the field, and Lord Wolseley are understood also to consider that no more artillery is needed. Lord Roberts has altogether 452 guns, including siege pieces.

It is quite clear that General Buller will not try anything large in the future, as he is to lose Sir Charles Warren and the latter's 10,000 men, who have been ordered to join Roberts. It is the expectation of the War Office that Lord Roberts, notwithstanding the necessity of garrisoning his depots, will be able to operate a constantly increasing force, until by the time the Transvaal frontier is reached he will have seventy thousand troops. His telegrams dealing with non-essentials are taken to mean that he is up to some mischief, as his apparent inactivity usually spells uncommon activity.

Mafeking, as a beleaguered town, attracts much sentiment and sympathy Nothing has been heard from there since February 19th. There is a rumor this morning that Colonel Baden Powell has been relieved, but this cannot be traced to any substantial basis.

Talk of Peace Terms.

LONDON, March 10.—The *Standard*, which is in closer touch with the policy of the government than any other ministerial organ, says this morning:

"We have reason to believe that an authoritative statement will shortly be made by the government reaffirming the impossibility of conceding any terms of peace to the Boer republics which would involve a perpetuation of the political military independence that led to the present costly and sanguinary conflict."

Will Destroy Johannesburg.

LONDON, March 10 —A correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing March 8th, says:

"I am reliably informed that high officials openly avow that the British flag shall never fly at Johannesburg. The place will be levelled to the ground, and mines are put in readiness to be electrically exploded from the forts as occasion requires.

"Most of the gold mines, except those which the government control, are in a shocking state. They are flooded and the machinery is rusting and being wilfully smashed."

Rout Was Complete.

LONDON, March 9.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"*Poplar Grove*, Friday Morning, March 9.—Presidents Kruger and Steyn were both present at the fight of March 7th and did all in their power to rally their troops. The rout, however, was complete, the men declaring that they could not stand against the British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry.

Preparing to Cross the River.

LONDON, March 9, 9.05 P. M.—The War Office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts.

"Clements has occupied Norval's Pont and the adjacent drift. As soon as the engineers, pontoons and troops arrive he will cross the river, when the necessary repairs to the railway bridge will be commenced.

"Gatacre occupied Burghersdorp March 7th and was greeted with great enthusiasm on the part of loyal inhabitants. His scouts report that large numbers of the rebels in the neighborhood are anxious to surrender."

Dissensions Among Boer Leaders.

LONDON, March 10 —The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says:

"I learn that there is dissension between President Kruger and General Joubert, and that the latter has resigned. Probably President Kruger will assume the chief command. General Schalkburger and other prominent commandants are also likely to resign for similar reasons and because President Kruger ignored their advice to make peace overtures after the first Boer victory."

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, March 9.—In the United States District Court to-day counsel for the firm of S. P. Shotter & Company, the largest naval stores exporters in the South, entered a plea of guilty, technically, to a charge of violation of the Inter-State Commerce law, and the firm was fined $1,000 by Judge Speer. In making the plea the counsel distinctly stated that the violation of the law was without criminal intent and the court so accepted it. The basis of the suit was that certain cars of spirits turpentine shipped to Detroit by the defendant were marked as containing six thousand gallons, whereas as a matter of fact they contained about six thousand five hundred gallons. The shipments were made by weight, so many pounds to the gallon. Differences in weight of turpentine under varying temperatures and differences of calculating weight per gallon, led to the wrong billing, according to the claim of defence.

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ASSASSINATION OF GOEBEL.

Warrants Issued for Arrest of Secretary of State Powers and Other Officials at the Capital.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 9.—W. H. Coulton, a clerk in the office of State Auditor Sweeney, was arrested and placed in jail to-night charged with complicity in the murder of the late Governor William Goebel. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Williams at 9 o'clock. More arrests are likely to-night.

Warrants have also been issued for the arrest of Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Captain John W. Davis, policeman of the State Capitol square, but they have not been served. The warrants charge them also with being accessory to the Goebel assassination, and warrants against ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, and John T. Powers, brother of Secretary of State Powers, have been sworn out and been sent to Whitley county for service. Davis is in the city to night, but was not at his residence, and up to a late hour the police had not found him. It is not known whether Secretary Powers is in the city. Several witnesses who testified at the trial of Harland Whitaker Tuesday swore that the shots at the time of the Goebel assassination were fired from the direction of Powers' office, and he and all of the parties for whom the warrants were issued to-night have been under the strictest surveillance ever since the assassination.

Captain Davis was an appointee of Governor Bradley and was continued under Governor Taylor.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-day reported the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the Senate with an amendment reserving to this country the right to defend the canal in case of war.

The conclusion to report the treaty with this amendment was reached after a session of the committee in which Senator Morgan very strenuously opposed the amendment. He was, however, the only Senator in opposition, Senators Bacon and Daniel, the other Democratic members of the committee, voting with the Republican members for the amendment and also for a resolution to report.

The report was made to the Senate at an executive session which came later in the day. The presentation of the treaty to the committee was accompanied by a written report, giving reasons for the amendment and also in support of the treaty as a whole. Later in the day Senator Morgan filed a minority report in opposition to the amendment. While no one was authorized to speak for Great Britain the opinion was expressed that the government of that country would agree to the proposed modification of the treaty.

A SHOOTING AFFAIR.

B R. Carroll Killed by D. P. Johnson at Blackville, S. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S C., March 9.—B. R. Carroll was shot and killed by D. P. Johnson, last night, at Blackville.

Carroll was to have been tried at the coming session of court at Barnwell next week for the killing of James Bolin last Christmas. Bolin himself had killed his man, Young Merritt, just a year previous to his own tragic death. Bolin and Carroll had a previous altercation, in which Carroll was badly cut.

WARM WIRELETS.

Hon. E. J. Phelps, former minister to England, died yesterday at New Haven, Conn.

The Smith fuse manufactory at Pompton, N. J., blew up yesterday and four persons were killed and a number of others injured.

The Spanish steamer Minerva which has been on the missing list for many weeks and was given up as lost, has been towed into Bermuda.

Sixteen miners killed by an explosion in a coal pit at Bessenge, France. The galleries of the mine collapsed, burying the bodies of the victims.

The total bank clearances at the principal cities of the United States for the week ending March 8th were $1,694,726,580, a decrease of 11 5 per cent. Outside of New York $663,359,759, an increase of 1.0 per cent.

Governor Longino has appointed Hon. S. S. Calhoun chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Thos. H. Woods. The appointment was confirmed by the State Senate.

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WHEN YOU WANT

-:-Coal -:- and -:- Wood.

JAMES H. TAYLOR, Agent,

ja 21 tf 211 South Water Street.

WO, CHARLIE!

Hello Sam, how far is it to Wilmington?

I have got some trading to do, and I have started there.

Well, Moses, hold on; stop right here and let me put you on a little Racket. You see that mile post yonder at the crook of the road?

Yes, Sam I see it

Well, Moses, it is just 2 miles from there to Geo O. Gaylord's Branch Store, corner of Fourth and Campbell street; and Moses, I just want you to look in my cart and see what I have just bought from there for $10.49.

I bought.....

47 yards of White Homespun at 2¾c	$1.29
28 yards Calico, fast colors, at 4c	1.12
9 yards Feather Ticking, good quality at 13½c	1.19
10 yards pretty Worsted, goods for Sallie's dress, at 11½c	.95
1 pair Pants	.40
3 pairs Overalls, at 45c	1.35
1 Man's Hat	.45
1 Boy's Hat	.34
1 Ladies' Trimmed Hat	.89
1 pair Shoes for my self	1.15
1 pair Shoes for John	.95
1 pair Shoes for my wife, cloth top	.56
Just see what I got for	$10.49

That is the cheapest place in the city to buy goods. Yes, Sam, I think so; and I am surely going there to spend my cash Yes, Bud, and they will give you a present with every Ten Dollars' worth you buy there.

We are yours, with Bargains for the Spot Cash,

G. O. GAYLORD'S Branch Store,

J. R. BOYD, General Manager.

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Black Bead Belts!

Dog Collar Belts!!

25, 39, 48, 69, 98c & $1.25.

NEW LOT JUST RECEIVED.

NEW PERCALES 8c, 10c and 12 1-2c.

J. H. Rehder & Co.

Fourth Street Bridge, Phone 118.

Car fare paid on purchases of $5.00 or over. mar 4 tf